

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
To: [RGV FOB MGMT](#)
Subject: FW: ***HOT***FW: Body and adult male and female child in Rio Grande river near Brownsville
Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 12:35:46 PM

FYSA

Respectfully,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

RGV Foreign Operations Branch
Cell (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

“Strength is not protecting one’s power at all costs, but willingly relinquishing it.”
Nelson Mandela

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:38 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) RGV OPS SOSs
(b) (7)(E) >
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b) (7)(E) WATCH COMMANDER GROUP
(b) (7)(E) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Good Afternoon,

Event happened yesterday in Matamoros. Getting more specifics from our C4s and CNI counterparts as to the exact location of where it occurred.

Updates to follow.

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Rio Grande Valley Sector
Foreign Operations Branch
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:34 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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(b) (7)(E) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: ***HOT***FW: Body and adult male and female child in Rio Grande river near Brownsville

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I am on the phone with FOB (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) who is handling the East Side matters and he doesn't know anything about this incident. He'll reach out to the consulate to find out more. It might be an old clipping or else we would have heard something. The fact that the reporter has the subjects' names so soon might be an indicator that this happened some time back or it might be happening in Matamoros so we won't hear about it until the Consulate reaches out to us. Still (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) is on it and he'll keep everyone posted if he hears anything.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Patrol Agent In Charge

(b) (7)(E) Station

Office: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cell: ((b)(6);(b)(7)(C))

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:24 PM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

RGV OPS SOSs

(b) (7)(E)

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Are you guys tracking this story?

PLEASE advise,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) | RGV Sector Border Patrol

Communications Director

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Desk

Cell

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) On Behalf Of RGV Public Affairs

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:16 PM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Body and adult male and female child in Rio Grande river near Brownsville

(b) (6) followed up with a call.

On the phone, she alluded to the fact that she has a source that told her the family unit was seen waiting in line to cross.

I believe the bodies were recovered by Mexican authorities, but the pictures are gruesome and we are going to really need to get in front of all these before media has a field day creating their own story.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:12 PM

To: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>; RGV Public Affairs <rgvpublicaffairs@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Body and adult male and female child in Rio Grande river near Brownsville

Greetings. I saw this report that officials have recovered the body of an adult male (father) and 2 year old female (daughter) and are interviewing the mother who attempted to cross the river illegally from Matamoros, Mexico to Brownsville, Texas. Is that correct? Is the adult female (mother) in CBP or Mexican custody? Is CBP investigating, or Mexican officials? Thanks.

<https://www.jornada.com.mx/ultimas/2019/06/24/padre-e-hija-mueren-ahogados-en-su-intento-por-llegar-a-eu-9550.html>

(b) (6)

Los Angeles Times

CA cell: (b) (6)

TX cell:

(b) (6)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
To: (b)(7)(E) ESR
Subject: INITIAL/FINAL ESR-Non-Employee Injury / Possible Drowning Near Mexican Bank
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2019 6:42:06 PM
Attachments: [image005.jpg](#)
[image006.jpg](#)

Evolving Situation Report
Possible Drowning Near Mexican Bank
June 23, 2019 at 1600 hrs.
(b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E) Station
GPS Coordinates: (b)(7)(E)
INITIAL / FINAL

SITUATION:

On June 23, 2019 at approximately 1607 hours, (b)(7)(E) Radio Dispatch received a telephone call from (b)(7)(E) Police Department advising that they had received a concerned citizen call of a possible drowning victim underneath (b)(7)(E) (Zone (b)(7)(E) in (b)(7)(E) TX. Radio Dispatch advised the line agents working the (b)(7)(E) AOR. Agents arrived at (b)(7)(E) but did not find any bodies in the water. Agents checked further downriver and at the area known as (b)(7)(E) in Zone (b)(7)(E) agents observed Mexican Police along with Mexican Fire Department canvassing their river bank. At approximately 1730 hours, all agents left the scene. No bodies were located.

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TIMELINE:

1607hrs. (b)(7)(E) PD contacts (b)(7)(E) Radio Dispatch that they received a concerned citizen call advising of a possible drowning underneath (b)(7)(E) in Zone (b)(7)(E) in (b)(7)(E) TX.

1614 hrs. (b)(7)(E) Radio Dispatch advises (b)(7)(E) line agents of possible drowning underneath (b)(7)(E)

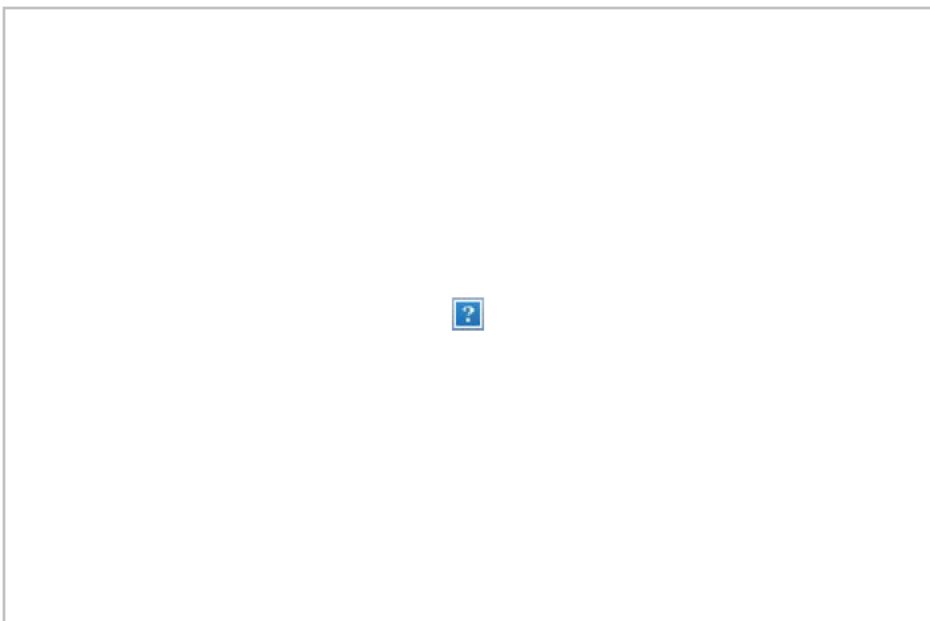
1618 hrs. WC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) is advised of the situation who in turn advised (A)DPAIC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

1620 hrs. Agents arrive at (b)(7)(E) but don't see any activity. Agents advise that this drowning possibly happened downriver the (b)(7)(E) at the (b)(7)(E)

1625 hrs. WC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) arrives at the (b)(7)(E) WC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) reported Mexican Police and Mexican Fire Department searching the Mexican bank for possible drowning victims.

1730 hrs. WC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) advised that he and (b)(7)(E) agents left the area. No bodies were located. Mexican officials begin to clear the area.

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ESR was reviewed and approved by WC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C).

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Incident Date	Notify By	CallSummary	Attachments	HQ Summary
06-25-2019 02:20 PM		Rescue		<p>On June 25, 2019, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Station arrested three Honduran nationals near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Marine unit agents responded to two subjects struggling to stay afloat in the Rio Grande River. The third subject, a minor, appeared lifeless, unconscious and was pulled from the water by agents. Agents conducted CPR and were able to resuscitate the minor. The other subjects were retrieved from the water and rescued. All three subjects were evaluated by EMTs. The minor was transported to a local hospital, treated, released and diagnosed with near drowning. All subjects were processed for removal.</p>
08-12-2019 06:35 AM		Media Interest/ Resc		<p>On August 12, 2019, U.S. Border Patrol Agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station rescued 14 subjects (9-Nicaragua, 5-Honduras) from the Rio Grande River near (b) (7)(E) Texas. The subjects entered the river and appeared to be struggling in the current. Agents responded and extracted the subjects utilizing throw bags. One subject (Honduran national) was taken under by the current. The (b) (7)(E) Police Department (b) (7)(E) Fire Department Water Rescue Team, Air and Marine Omaha air unit, and Mexican authorities responded to assist with the search for the missing subject with negative results. EMS responded, provided treatment on-site for those rescued and transported four subjects to the University Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment. The subjects were treated and released. All subjects are pending removal proceedings. Local news outlets Channels 4, 7, and 9 were on scene.</p>
10-02-2019 03:21 PM		Rescue		<p>On October 2, 2019, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Laredo, Texas Sector arrested two Mexican nationals near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Upon encounter, the subjects appeared to be drowning in the Rio Grande River and were pulled out of the river by Laredo Sector Marine Unit agents. One of the subjects was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released. Both subjects were processed for removal.</p>

10-15-2019 07:12 PM		Rescue		On October 15, 2019, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station arrested one Mexican national near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Upon encounter, the subject appeared to be drowning in the Rio Grande River and was pulled out of the river by (b) (7)(E) Station Marine Unit agents. The subject did not require medical assistance. Subject was processed for removal.
03-09-2020 06:00 PM		Rescue Non-Employe		On March 9, 2020, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station arrested a Guatemalan national near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Agents noticed the subject was struggling to stay afloat while crossing the Rio Grande River. An agent jumped into the river and rescued the subject. No injuries were reported and the subject declined medical attention. The subject will be processed for removal.
03-10-2020 04:20 AM		Rescue		On March 10, 2020, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station reported the rescue of a Mexican national near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Agents assigned to the riverine unit located and rescued the subject from a near drowning incident. The subject was transported to the (b) (7)(E) Regional Hospital in (b) (7)(E) Texas due to having ingested water and having difficulty breathing. The subject will be processed for removal once medically cleared.
09-22-2020 06:00 PM		Rescue Non-Employe		On September 22, 2020, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station arrested four Mexican nationals near (b) (7)(E) Texas. (b) (7)(E) Station Boat Unit responded to illegal traffic near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Smugglers pushed four subjects into the Rio Grande River. Boat Unit Agents responded and safely rescued them from drowning. All four subjects were in good health and did not require medical treatment.

10-05-2020 08:50 AM		Rescue Non-Employe		<p>On October 5, 2020, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station arrested a Mexican national near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Agents encountered a group of five aliens traveling downriver from the drawbridge activation. Three of the subjects jumped into the Rio Grande River in an attempt to avoid apprehension. One of the five subjects began having difficulty with the current and went underwater several times. An agent jumped into the water to rescue the subject and brought him safely back to the United States riverbank. EMTs evaluated the subject and requested EMS. EMS responded, evaluated the subject, and stated he did not require further medical attention, and the subject refused additional medical care. The Mexican Consulate was notified and the subject will be processed for removal.</p>
10-31-2020 12:28 AM		Rescue		<p>On October 31, 2018, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station arrested a Mexican national and a Honduran national near (b) (7)(E) Texas. Agents received a call from an AMO helicopter regarding an overturned raft in the Rio Grande River. A BP vessel was dispatched to the area and the two subjects were discovered struggling in the water. Agents rescued the subjects and EMT's evaluated them and found they were not in medical distress. The subjects were processed for removal.</p>
03-03-2021 12:45 AM		Rescue Non-Employe		<p>On March, 03, 2021, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station rescued 13 illegal aliens (9-Honduras, 4-El Salvador) near (b) (7)(E) Texas. The subjects were attempting to cross the Rio Grande River when their raft began to deflate. A USBP marine unit took the subjects aboard and transported them safely to shore. No injuries were reported. All subjects will be processed for removal.</p>

03-10-2021 03:00 AM		Rescue Boat Crew	<p>On March 10, 2021, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station's Marine Unit arrested 11 illegal aliens (7-Mexico, 2-Honduras, 2-El Salvador) in the Rio Grande River near (b) (7)(E) Texas. During the arrest one of the subjects attempted to swim back to Mexico and requested assistance when he began to struggle in the water. Agents deployed a rescue ring and a rescue hook and managed to rescue the subject and take him into custody. The illegal aliens will be processed for removal.</p>
03-16-2021 12:24 PM	Other: C1 Brief EMAIL	Non-Employee Death	<p>UPDATE:</p> <p>On March 16, 2021, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Station reported that the identification for the second deceased subject was confirmed by the Guatemalan Consulate. The Mexican Proteccion Civil (MPC) recovered a body, from the middle of the Rio Grande River, wearing a red shirt. The recovered body did not have an identification on himself thus the MPC provided photos of the deceased subject to a family member that was able to confirm his identification.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>On March 16, 2021, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Station arrested seven subjects and reported the drowning death of two subjects (1- Guatemalan, 1- Unknown) during a vehicle bailout near (b) (7)(E) Texas. A USBP (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) observed ten suspected undocumented aliens load into a white van. (b) (7)(E) relayed the information to Border Patrol Agents (BPAs) working in the area. (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) BPAs working nearby, heard this information and responded to a nearby intersection to await the arrival of the white van. When the van passed, the BPAs reportedly followed the vehicle and eventually activated their emergency lights. The van continued driving until it stopped near the Rio Grande. Four occupants, including the driver, jumped into the River and headed towards Mexico. Of the four occupants who jumped into the river, one male returned to the U.S. with the assistance of a civilian, one female drowned and was subsequently recovered by Mexican officials, one male floated downriver, and one male (suspected to be the driver) safely made it to Mexico. The remaining occupants of the vehicle were arrested near the vehicle.</p>

03-20-2021 05:50 PM	Other: med team	Rescue/Non-Employe		<p>On March 20, 2021, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Texas Station arrested a Guatemalan national and her Mexican national child near (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) Texas. Agents responded to three non-responsive subjects on an island in the Rio Grande River. Agents brought the mother and her two children aboard their boat and transported them to a U.S. riverbank. The mother and one child regained consciousness. Agents performed CPR on the other child until being relieved by EMS. The child was unable to be revived and was pronounced deceased by a Justice of the Peace, who ordered an autopsy. The mother and child were taken to a hospital for evaluation and treatment. Both subjects will be processed for removal once medically cleared for travel. The (b) (7)(E) County Sheriff's Department issued a police report for the incident.</p>